

September 17, 2014

The Honorable Jeff Farrington, Chair Tax Policy Committee Michigan House of Representatives P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Re: House Bill 5616

Dear Representative Farrington:

Michigan Assisted Living Association (MALA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 5616. Our organization's membership includes a substantial number of nonprofit corporations which own real and/or personal property.

House Bill 5616 would remove language from Section 70 of the General Property Tax Act. The removal of this language would clarify the intent of Section 70(8). Specifically, Section 70(8) exempts a nonprofit corporation from the collection of taxes for real or personal property if it is a skilled nursing facility, home for the aged or adult foster care facility. Alternatively, the tax exemption applies if the nonprofit corporation provides housing, rehabilitation services, diagnostic services, medical services, or therapeutic services to one or more disabled persons.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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